Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Acquisition of lands for a road from Chalakkudi road to Nemmanikkara Desam.

77. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether orders were issued in 1108 or so for the acquisition of lands for the construction of a road from the Chalakkudi road to Nammanikkara Desam; if so, when;

(2) were acquisition proceedings taken;

(3) was any amount allotted in the budget for the same; if so, what was the amount;

(4) what are the special reasons for not proceeding with the construction of the road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael. —

(1) Yes, in 1107.

(2) The acquisition ordered was withdrawn.

(3) Yes, Rs. 623—1—4.

(4) The usefulness of the road was not considered commensurate with the cost involved in opening it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether any objection petition was received by the Government from a Brahmin land-holder in Nammanikkara not to acquire these lands after the acquisition proceedings were passed?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There was an objection petition.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who was the Diwan who cancelled those acquisition proceedings?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was it cancelled?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It was cancelled in 1108.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not Mr. Kasturirenga Ayyar acting as Diwan then?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what is the length of the road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is only two furlongs.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Were not enquiries made before the acquisition proceedings were started regarding the usefulness of the road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Some sort of preliminary enquiry was made.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether this road is surrounded with water on all sides during floods ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is not correct. That particular spot will be surrounded by water.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is not this road intended for that particular desam which is surrounded by water?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is not exclusively for that part of Nammanikkara Desam.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it not impossible for the people to come into the road during the flood time?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There is the other road.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—From this particular road I mean.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—They will have to walk about 3 or 4 furlongs extra.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What is the name of the Brahmin gentleman who protested against this acquisition?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I want notice.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it Mr. Kasturirenga Ayyar? Do you remember now when I mention the name?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I think it is not.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is there any land belonging to him there?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I have no information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to consider it?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It has been found that the usefulness of the road is not commensurate with the costs involved.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the cost of of the acquisition?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There are two alignments proposed for this acquisition. The cheaper which was objected to by this Brahmin gentleman costs about Rs. 700 and the other alignment costs about Rs. 1200 for which there was no opposition.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There was opposition only from one man, is it not?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—He was the leading man. A few more had signed the petitions.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it the policy of the department, if a big man comes forward and says that if lands are acquired it will cause inconvenience to him, to leave things there?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is not now the policy of the department.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was it at any time the policy?

Mr P. V. Raphael.—It was the policy always to enquire.

Recent revision of the pay of the Typists.

78. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether in the recent revision of pay of the typists those who have put in 25 years of service and more and those who have put in 10 years of service and more have been allowed to draw the same rates of increments ; and if so, to state in what way the order has been beneficial to the former?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—All those who have put in a minimum of 10 years of service as typists will be started on the second stage of the new scale, i. e., Rs. 40—4—60. Those who have put in 25 years of service can now get the benefit of the new grade of Rs. 40—4—60 which, till now, they could not have.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the number of typists who have put in more than 25 years' service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there not only 4?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are not many.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Those who have put in 10 years' service get 40—4—60. Those who have put in 25 years' service get the same grade. So, where is the difference?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The difference is this: if this rule had not been brought those who have put in 25 years' service would also have to remain on the old scale of 25—40. Now they can get their due promotion on the 40—60 grade.

Director of Public Health—Stay at Coonoor—exemption from taking leave or permission.

79. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Public Health was exempted from taking leave or permission when he was staying at Coonoor last year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Director of Public Health Stay at Coonoor last year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He visited Coonoor.

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